

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Wells

LCC: Citizens Against Drug Abuse

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The mission of Wells County Citizens Against Drug Abuse (CADA) is to investigate alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems in our community, coordinate efforts to reduce these problems, and examine funding of programs designed to achieve this goal.

History: Wells County CADA was established October 24, 1988 by the Prosecutor, Chief of Police, Detectives and a Board of Directors from local law enforcers. This group of volunteers examined the drug culture and determined the need better drug trafficking to deter and reduce drug problems. The original Board of Directors solicited funds from private citizens, businesses, and key leaders to help purchase equipment, training funds, and money for undercover drug purchases.

A year later, the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana was established. The mission of CADA and the Governor's Commission intertwined with one another's, so CADA became the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) for Wells County. Prior to 2005, CADA was comprised solely of volunteers, whose primary function was the distribution of the Local Drug Free Community Fund. In 2005, a coordinator was hired to follow through with administrative and other miscellaneous duties of CADA.

According to the 2000 census, there were 27,600 people living in Wells County. The population is 98.3% Caucasian and 1.4% Hispanic. All other ethnic groups comprise less than 1% of the population. Bluffton is the largest city with 9,536 people. Ossian is next in size with 2,943 people. The median household income for Wells County is \$43,934. The primary type of industry present in the county is manufacturing. The largest percentage of occupations were classified as production, transportation, and material-moving occupations.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: A needs assessment questionnaire was distributed throughout Wells County to determine what the community believes is a problem. The questionnaire consisted of 21 questions regarding the impact of ATOD use in Wells County. Significant findings were as follows:

- * 76% of the responders indicated that they knew someone in Wells County who uses drugs and/or has a drug problem.
- * 88% of the responders indicated that they know of adults who have alcohol problems.
- * 73.5% of the responders were aware of youth in Wells County who use alcohol and/or have alcohol problems.
- * A significant number of the responders did not know if services/treatment for a drug or alcohol problem in Wells County are affordable.
- * Approximately 62% of the responders strongly believe that counseling/recovery/treatment should be mandatory for all OWI and drug offenders.

The problem statements were determined by assessing the data collected from law enforcement agencies, treatment providers, various organizations working towards education/prevention, and a community needs assessment. The three problem statements for CADA are:

- 1) Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by Wells County youth is problematic.
- 2) The amount of adult crime and juvenile delinquency linked to ATOD is significantly high.
- 3) Individuals and families facing issues associated with addiction do not have full range of affordable, accessible intervention, treatment and aftercare resources available.

CADA has been increasing their visibility in the community through various community events the past few years. CADA has partnered with Joint Operation Limiting Tobacco (JOLT) Coalition in sponsoring the annual Tobacco Free 4-H Day at the 4-H Fair. CADA members have also volunteered their time and expertise in the annual 1st and 4th grade health fairs. The Bluffton Free Street Fair is an annual event that is attended by thousands of people and CADA has been present in the Industrial Tent as a partner with JOLT. CADA also participated in the Northeast Regional Billboard Campaign. The campaign presented billboards through the Northeast Region of Indiana indicating an anti-drug and alcohol message. In 2006, CADA began recruiting new members by sending out invitation letters to organizations and individuals. The membership drive has been successful in filling gaps of important community representation.

CADA will periodically review this Comprehensive Plan to determine progress made towards the goals and objectives.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Citizens Against Drug Abuse

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Monte Fisher	Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Brian Lang	Excise Police	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Scott Lee	Park Center	Caucasian	M	Treatment
Molly Lesnet	Caylor-Nickel Foundation	Caucasian	F	Coordinator
John Markley	Markle Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Blake Poindexter	Community Corrections	Caucasian	M	Corrections
Roger Sherer	Extension Office	Caucasian	M	Education
Kelly Sickafoose	Governor's Commission for a drug free IN	Caucasian	F	Community Consultant
George Studebaker	AA	Caucasian	M	Self-help
Brenda Taylor	Adams/Wells Crisis Center	Caucasian	F	Other
Greg Werich	Probation	Caucasian	M	Judicial
Angie Dial	Teen Court	Caucasian	F	Other
Scott Nash	Bluffton Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Jenny Tsakkos	Division of Children Services	Caucasian	F	Other
Lisa Staller	Life Community Church	Caucasian	F	Religion

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by Wells County youth is problematic.

Supportive Data:

- Wells County Schools reported in 2002-2003, 251 suspensions and expulsions, 20 related to alcohol, drugs, or weapons; 2003-2004, 298 suspensions and expulsions, 25 related to alcohol, drugs, or weapons; 2004-2005, 296 suspensions and expulsions, 24 related to alcohol, drugs, or weapons.
- A survey conducted at the Wells County Alternative School (March 2006), indicated that 80% of the students smoked cigarettes regularly and 93% have consumed alcohol. Ninety-three percent have experimented with drugs; of these 100% have smoked marijuana. Other drugs included were cocaine, crack, meth, ecstasy, speed, OxyContin, Xanax, mushrooms, diet pills, and ADHD meds.
- A survey conducted as a follow up to the above survey (May 2006), indicated that after being enrolled in a drug and alcohol awareness course, 50% indicated their beliefs about drug risks had changed "a great deal" or "substantially". The results also indicated that 64% of the students were less likely to use drugs as a result of taking this class.
- The number of juveniles referred to probation for alcohol or drug use compared to total referred is as follows: 58 of 243 in 2003, 51 of 206 in 2004, 37 of 196 in 2005, 33 of 127 as of July 2006.
- Teen Court is a program designed as an alternative to probation and city court. Data supports that a significant percentage of juveniles who go through Teen Court are for offenses related to alcohol and tobacco. The percentage of cases related to ATOD were as follows: 55% in 2003; 44% in 2004; 39% in 2005; 41% as of July 2006.
- Wells County Department of Child Services has reviewed Child In Need of Services (CHINS) cases from August 2003 - August 2006. In 2003, over 30% of the detentions and in-home cases were due to drugs and/or alcohol usage by parents or guardians. In August 2006, this amount increased to over 80%. This is a significant number that influences the children and families of these individuals.

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Objectives:

- **Support educational efforts directed towards students in grades K-12 regarding the harmful effects of substance use.**
- **Support local educational forums to be held on issues related ATOD in partnerships with local organizations.**
- **Support tobacco education/prevention education and cessation programs in the community.**
- **Support programs that delay or prevent the first use of ATOD.**
- **Support the implementation of programs that educate the community about identifying ATOD abuse and ways prevent ATOD use.**
- **Support programs that encourage positive and healthy family relationships.**
- **Support public and social service agencies that work with youth (Division of Children Services, juvenile court/probation department, teen court, schools, Boys and Girls Club, etc.) to identify and reduce risk factors that contribute to ATOD abuse in youth.**

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Goals:

- The numbers of juveniles referred to probation for alcohol and drug use compared to the total referred will be reduced by 10%.
- Reduce the number of suspensions and expulsions related to alcohol, drugs, or weapons by 10%.

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Problem Statement #2: The amount of adult crime and juvenile delinquency linked to ATOD is significantly high.

Supportive Data:

- DUI arrests made in Wells County were as follows; 235 in 2003; 237 in 2004; 202 in 2005; 130 as of July 2006
- Drug arrests made in Wells County were as follows; 136 in 2003; 137 in 2004, 133 in 2005; 105 as of July 2006
- Bluffton Police Department reported crashes involving drugs or alcohol as follows; 6 in 2003; 5 in 2004; 6 in 2005; 2 as of July 2006
- The percentage of people referred to probation for alcohol and drug offenses were as follows; 49% in 2003; 49% in 2004; 45% in 2005; 46% as of July 13, 2006.
- The percentage of drug screens with positive results were as follows; 27% in 2003; 36% in 2004; 32% in 2005; 42 % as of July 2006.
- In 2005, there were 36 arrests related to domestic violence calls. An additional 14 calls did not result in arrest. It is believed that drug or alcohol use is a contributing factor to most of the domestic violence calls.

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Objectives:

- **Provide law enforcement agencies with funding for education and training of officers or K-9s.**
- **Provide law enforcement agencies with funding for alcohol- or drug-related equipment.**
- **Encourage ongoing efforts to increase impaired driving patrols on our county roadways.**

- Support greater drug testing efforts for identification of drug use in Wells County.

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Goals:

- DUI arrests made in Wells County will decrease by 10%.
- Drug arrests made in Wells County will decrease by 10%.

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Problem Statement #3: Individuals and families facing issues associated with addiction do not have full range of affordable, accessible intervention, treatment and aftercare resources available.

Supportive Data:

- The number of adults in substance abuse programs, reported by Park Center, were as follows: 126 in 2003; 164 in 2004; 152 in 2005; and 93 as of June 2006.
- The number of indigent (200% of poverty level) adult clients in substance abuse programs, reported by Park Center, were as follows: 83 in 2003; 105 in 2004; 97 in 2005; 37 as of June 2006.
- The number of juveniles in substance abuse program, reported by Park Center, were as follows: 17 in 2003; 16 in 2004; 13 in 2005; 6 as of June 2006.
- The number of indigent(200% of poverty level) juvenile clients in substance abuse program, reported by Park Center, were as follow: 15 in 2003; 13 in 2004; 11 in 2005; 4 as of June 2006.
- A significant number of adults have been in the substance abuse program through Caring About People. The numbers are as follows: 112 in 2003, 102 in 2004, 109 in 2005, and 37 as of July 2006.

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Objectives:

- **Support programs that have the potential to reduce ATOD offenses including treatment services to the financially disadvantaged.**
- **Support the development of inpatient services.**
- **In the past year, one new transitional/residential living center has opened for individuals with mental health and/or co-occurring drug and alcohol problems. However, this is the only resource available to**

Wells County residents for residential type treatment. We want to support additional development of a halfway house or residential treatment that serves Wells County residents.

- **Support the enhancement of the aftercare opportunities in Wells County.**
- **Support the development of a detox center in the county.**
- **Support the development of family participation in adolescent treatment.**
- **Encourage and support the expansion of treatment services in Wells County.**
- **Support treatment of incarcerated individuals.**
- **Support mandatory counseling for OWI and drug offenders.**
- **Support and promote tobacco cessation efforts in Wells County.**
- **Raise awareness of the treatment services available in Wells County.**

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Goals:

- **The number of adults in substance abuse treatment will increase by 10%.**
- **The number of juveniles in substance abuse programs will increase by 10%.**
- **The number of treatment services offered in the county will be expanded by one.**

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: 10/2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 10/2009

Date of Community Consultant Review: 10/19/2006

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Terms and Conditions:

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

Initials: MML

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<u>Applicant Agency</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>\$ Requested</u>	<u>\$ Allocated</u>
Education/Prevention			
CADA	First Grade Health Fair	\$235.61	\$235.61
Bluffton Police Department	DARE Training - Fiscus	\$1,614.86	\$325.00
Bluffton Police Department	DARE T-Shirts	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bluffton Police Department	COPS	\$1,746.00	\$800.00
Bluffton Police Department	DARE Training - Holland	\$1,513.44	\$325.00
Beat The Heat	Beat the Heat	\$1,350.00	\$1,000.00
Wells Co. Sheriff Dept.	DARE	\$547.80	\$547.80
Norwell Parents In Touch	Norwell After Prom	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Wells Co. Sheriff Dept.	DARE Training - McClish	\$1,125.70	\$325.00
Wells Co. Child Protection Team	Crimes Against Children Training and Ed.	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Southern Wells Post Prom	SW Post Prom	\$300.00	\$300.00
Beat The Heat	Beat the Heat	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Wells County Community Corrections	GED Indigent Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.00
Ossian Police Department	DARE Training - Newnum	\$1,413.25	\$325.00
Ossian Police Department	DARE T-Shirts	\$1,125.60	\$1,125.60
Wells County Alternative School	Drug and Alcohol Awareness Course	\$515.85	\$515.85
Purdue Extension-Wells County	4-H Fair Program	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Purdue Extension-Wells County	Project LEAD	\$625.00	\$625.00
Purdue Extension-Wells County	Kid's Health and Safety Fair	\$500.00	\$500.00
Purdue Extension-Wells County	Character Education-Building Character	\$350.00	\$350.00
Bluffton After Prom	Bluffton After Prom	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Swim Otters	"Drown Out Drugs"	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Boy Scouts	Fall Membership Recruiting	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
		\$28,963.11	\$17,499.86
Administrative			
Emshwiller/Emshwiller	CADA Taxes	\$255.00	\$255.00
CADA	Coordinator's Contract	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
NE Regional Annual Meeting	NE Regional Annual Meeting	\$100.00	\$100.00
		\$2,755.00	\$2,755.00

Total Allocations

\$39,201.88

Local Drug Free Communities Fund

2005 Collections: \$37,053.18

Balance as of 01/01/05: \$3,567.74

See attached spreadsheet for allocation breakdown.

Grant Process and Requirements for Grantees

Grantees must submit a written grant application in January. Applications may not exceed \$2,000. A grant review committee reviews all the submitted proposals and makes recommendations to the full CADA board members at the March meeting. The grant review committee consists of the community consultant for the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana, the CADA Coordinator, and five CADA Board Members. Any board members requesting funding shall be excused from the committee and membership meetings prior to any vote on funding. The full CADA Board reviews the recommendations and then approves the allocation of funds. The allocations are then submitted to the County Commissioners for final approval and distribution of funds.

Grantees are required to submit a written program report and present an oral report to CADA board members. The oral reports are arranged by the CADA Coordinator throughout the remaining calendar year. Any unexpended funds must be returned to CADA upon completion of the funding period unless CADA approves alternative uses for the excess funds.

When CADA receives funding requests outside the yearly allocation period, the membership shall follow the emergency funding guidelines established by the membership.